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PRESIDENT ON THE WAR

Duty of America Outlined at Boston.

IT MUST BE MET

The Philippine Question Discussed at Length.

The War Is Ended, the Treaty Ratified and Now the Consequences of the Struggle Are Before the People—We Must Meet the Responsibilities Courageously and Wisely.

"The Philippines, like Cuba and Porto Rico, were entrusted to our hands by the war, and to that great trust, under the Providence of God and in the name of human progress, we are committed. It is a trust that we have not sought; it is a trust from which we will not flinch"—President McKinley's speech in Boston, Mass.

BOSTON, February 17.—There was a public reception yesterday afternoon and evening for President McKinley and party, as guests of honor at the annual banquet of the Home Market club in Mechanics' hall, where 1914 plates were laid. In addition there were 3,000 spectators in the balconies. At the president's plate the menu was set around with an elaborate hand painted cover.

President McKinley sat at the front of the platform and among those at his table were Bishop Mallalieu, Mayor Quincy of Boston, Secretary Long, Secretary Alger, Governor Wolcott, Secretary Gate, Postmaster General Smith, Secretary Bliss, Governor Robbins of New Hampshire and ex-Mayor Strong of New York. The invocation was pronounced by Bishop Mallalieu. There was great enthusiasm when the dinner had been concluded, and some of the tables removed to make way for chairs. President Blaukett introduced Governor Wolcott and then Mayor Quincy, who made brief addresses welcoming the president. President McKinley was then introduced.

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

President McKinley as he arose was enthusiastically applauded. He first reviewed the war with Spain and praised the heroes who achieved the victory.

The Philippines.

Continuing the president said:

"We bear no complaint of the relations created by the war between this government and the Islands of Cuba and Porto Rico. There are some, however, who regard the Philippines as in a different relation; but whatever variety of views there may be on this phase of the question there is universal agreement that the Philippines shall not be turned back to Spain. No true American can consent to that. Even if unwilling to accept them ourselves, it would have been a weak evasion of manly duty to require Spain to transfer them to some other power or powers, and thus shirk our own responsibility. Even if we had had, as we did not have, the power to compel such a transfer, it could not have been made without the most serious international complications."

"Such a course could not be thought of. And yet, had we refused to accept the cession of them, we should have had no power over them, even for their own good. We could not discharge the responsibilities upon us until these islands became ours, either by conquest or treaty. There was but one alternative, and that was either Spain or the United States in the Philippines. The other suggestions, first, that they should be tossed into the arena for the strife of nations; or

second, be lost to the anarchy and chaos of no protectorate at all, were too shameful to be considered. The treaty gave them to the United States. Could we have required less and done our duty? Could we, after freeing the Filipinos from the domination of Spain, have left them without government and without power to protect life and property or to perform the international obligations essential to an independent state? Could we have left them in a state of anarchy and justified ourselves in our own consciences or before the tribunal of mankind? Could we have done that in the sight of God and man?

America's Present Duty.

"Our concern was not for territory, or trade, or empire, but for the people whose interests and destiny, without our willing it, had been put in our hands. It was with this feeling that from the first day to the last not one word or line went from the executive in Washington to our military and naval commanders at Manila or to our peace commissioners at Paris that did not put as the sole purpose to be kept in mind first after the success of our arms and the maintenance of our own honor, the welfare and happiness and the rights of the inhabitants of the Philippine Islands. Did we need their consent to perform a great act for humanity? We had it in every aspiration of their minds, in every hope of their hearts. Was it necessary to ask their consent to capture Manila, the capital of their islands? Did we ask their consent to liberate them from Spanish sovereignty or to enter Manila Bay and destroy the Spanish sea power there? We did not ask these; we were obeying a higher moral obligation which rested on us, and which did not require anybody's consent. We were doing our duty by them with the consent of our own consciences, and with the approval of civilization. Every present obligation has been met and fulfilled in the expulsion of Spanish sovereignty from their islands, and while the war that destroyed it was in progress we could not ask their views. Nor can we now ask their consent.

"Indeed, can any one tell me in what form it could be marshaled and ascertained until peace and order, so necessary to reign of reason, shall be secured and established? A reign of terror is not the kind of rule under which right action and deliberate judgment are possible. It is not a good time for the liberator to submit important questions concerning liberty and government to the liberated while they are engaged in shooting down their rescuers.

"We have now ended the war with Spain. The treaty has been ratified by more than two-thirds of the Senate of the United States and by the judgment of nine-tenths of its people. No nation was ever more fortunate in war or more honorable in negotiations in peace. Spain is now eliminated from the problem. It remains to ask what we shall do now. I do not intrude upon the duties of Congress or seek to anticipate or forestall its action. I only say that the treaty of peace, honorably secured, having been ratified by the United States, and, as we confidently expect, shortly to be ratified in Spain, Congress will have the power, and I am sure, the purpose, to do what in good morals is right and just and humane for these peoples in distant seas.

Responsibilities

"It is sometimes hard to determine what is best to do, and the best thing to do is oftentimes the hardest. The prophet of evil would do nothing, because he flinches at sacrifice and effort, and to do nothing is easiest and involves the least cost. On those who have things to do there rests a responsibility which is not on those who have no obligations as doers. If the doubts were in the majority there would, it is true, be no labor, no sacrifice, no anxiety and no burden raised for, carried; no contribution from our ease and purse and comfort to the welfare of others, or even to the extension of our resources to the welfare of ourselves. There would be ease, but, alas, there would be nothing done.

"But grave problems come in the life of a nation, however much men may seek to avoid them. They come without our seeking, why we do not know; but the generation on which they are forced can not avoid the re-

sponsibility of honestly striving for their solution. We may not know precisely how to solve them, but we can make an honest effort to that end, and if made in conscience, justice and honor, it will not be in vain.

"The future of the Philippine Islands is now in the hands of the American people. Until the treaty was ratified or rejected the executive department of this government could only preserve the peace and protect life and property. That treaty now commits the free and unfranchised Filipinos to the guiding hand and the liberalizing influences, the generous sympathies, the uplifting education, not of their American masters, but of their emancipators. No one can tell today what is best for them or for us. I know no one at this hour who is wise enough or sufficiently informed to determine what form of government will best subserve their interests and our interests, their and our well-being.

"If we knew everything by intuition—and I sometimes think there are those who believe that if we do not they do—we should not need information; but, unfortunately, most of us are not in that happy state. The whole subject is now with Congress, and Congress is the voice, the conscience and the judgment of the American people. Upon their judgment and conscience can we not rely? I believe in them; I trust them. I know of no better or safer human tribunal than the people.

"Until Congress shall direct otherwise, it will be the duty of the executive to possess and hold the Philippines, giving to the people thereof peace and beneficent government, affording them every opportunity to prosecute their lawful pursuits, encouraging them in thrift and industry, making them feel and know we are their friends, not their enemies; that their good is our aim; that their welfare is our welfare; but that neither their aspirations nor ours can be realized until our authority is acknowledged and unquestioned.

"That the inhabitants of the Philippines will be benefited by this republic is my unshaken belief; that they will have a kindlier government under our guidance, and that they will be aided in every possible way to be self-respecting and self-governing people is as true as that the American people love liberty and have an abiding faith in their own government and their own institutions. No imperial designs lurk in the American mind. They are alien to American sentiment, thought and purpose. Our priceless principles undergo no change under a tropical sun. They go with the flat:

Why read ye not the changeless truth, The free can conquer but to save?

"If we can benefit these remote peoples, who will object? If in the years of the future they are established in government under law and liberty, who will regret our perils and sacrifices; who will not rejoice in our heroism and humanity? We always have perils and always pass them safely. Always darkness and clouds, but always shining through them the light and the sunshine; always cost and sacrifice, but always after them the fruition of liberty, education and civilization.

"I have no light or knowledge not common to my countrymen. I do not prophesy. The present is all-absorbing to me, but I can not bind my vision by the bloodstained trenches around Manila, where every red drop,

whether from the veins of an American soldier or a misguided Filipino, is anguish to my heart; but by the broad range of future years, when that group of islands under the impulse of the year just past shall have become the gems and glories of those tropical seas, and of plenty and of increasing possibilities, a people redeemed from savage indolence and habits devoted to the arts of peace, in touch with the commerce and trade of all nations, enjoying the blessings of freedom, of civil and religious liberty, of education and of home, and whose children and children's children, forever henceforth, shall be the American Republic because it emancipated and reformed their fatherland and set them in the pathway of the world's best civilization."

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"Resolved, That the vice president of the 17th district federation of Woman's clubs as here represented be directed to address a written request to each senator and representative of the General Assembly of the 17th district asking his support of this bill."

The following resolutions were also adopted:

"Whereas, The objects of work done by individual clubs, given at the state federation are of very great interest and benefit, and

"Whereas, The time given for said reports is of necessity limited, and much

DELEGATES GO HOME

Close of Woman's Club Federation Meeting.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Alice R. Wells, of Decatur, Proposed for President.

Synopsis of Beneficial Results of the Two Days' Convention—Bright Women and Their Excellent Papers—Resolutions on Legislation of Interest Pending at Springfield.

The first annual meeting of the Federated Woman's clubs of the 17th Illinois district closed today at 12 o'clock. The meeting was largely attended and was a success in every particular. The aim of the district federation to bring the smaller clubs in touch with the larger possibilities was accomplished. The life and work of women in larger spheres of life as set forth by the intellectual women who were present cannot fail to be a source of inspiration to those whose opportunities are not so great. There was but one expression among the delegates and visitors: that the meetings were inspiring, encouraging and beneficial.

Morning Session.

The third session of the Federated clubs of the 17th Illinois district opened at 9:30 this morning.

The reports of the different clubs of the Federation were heard. They included the outline of the work of the clubs and were valuable for their suggestions and reciprocal nature. A talk on "The Practical Aims of the Federation," by Miss Anna Raymond of Pana, followed.

First of these is the unity and co-operation of the clubs of the Federation and the reciprocity in bringing weaker clubs into the Federation, that cannot be so easily reached by the state federation. The main aim is the advancement in the work along the lines of the home and the school.

If the mother is elevated the home is elevated in consequence and this will extend to the schools. This also extends to municipal affairs of the community. The federation is

opposed to the liquor traffic or any measure that lowers the standard of morality.

It is believed that the Woman's clubs should extend their influence in securing the selection of women as teachers in the public schools and should, as far as possible, secure their control in the school system and officers.

The county superintendent and school board should be chosen for their ability and not for political reasons.

It was also recommended that watchful eyes be kept on the legislators at Springfield that they may legislate for women as well as for men.

Miss Raymond's talk was followed by a symposium conducted by Mrs. Clara P. Bourland of Peoria, honorary president of the state federation. The business session followed.

An interesting number of the morning's program was the paper which had been prepared by Mrs. George D. Haworth of Chicago. It was read by Mrs. Florence McCullough. It was a resume of the book of Frances Fisher Hobbs, on "The Duties of Women."

RESOLUTIONS

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valuable information is thereby lost; be it

"Resolved, That hereafter the reports of the work of individual clubs in the 17th district, be made to the vice president of the district, and by her incorporated into a concise and abridged report to be presented by her or her representative to the state federation."

Mrs. H. R. Taylor of Springfield offered resolutions thanking the members of the Decatur Woman's club for their kind hospitality and also offering thanks for the restored health of the sick in the family of Mrs. Ida W. Baker. Sincere thanks were extended to the press of the city for the extended and correct reports of the deliberations of the convention. They were heartily endorsed and adopted.

OFFICERS.

The nominating committee consisting of Mrs. W. F. Gillmore, Decatur, chairman; Mrs. K. P. Seger, Lincoln; Mrs. Maud Stanford, Mt. Pulaski; Mrs. M. L. Shumway, Taylorville; Mrs. E. A. Hall, Springfield; Mrs. C. J. Johnson, Springfield and Miss Anna Raymond, Pana, reported as follows:

For President—Mrs. Alice R. Wells, Decatur. Mrs. Wells was unable to accept the nomination and as the vice president representing the district in the state federation was made president of the district federation, and Mrs. Well's term does not expire until next fall the election of the president was deferred until the next meeting of the state federation. The other officers are as follows: Vice presidents, one from every club in the district: Mrs. Jane Ayers, Mt. Pulaski; Mrs. C. L. Tourman, Taylorville; Mrs. A. D. Cadwallader, Lincoln; Miss Kate Comstock, Pana; Mrs. J. H. Evans, Decatur; Mrs. Julia Orendorf, Springfield.

Secretary and Treasurer—Miss Katherine Palmer, Springfield.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. A. T. Summers, Decatur.

THE RESULTS.

The outcome of the meeting of the federation is summed up as follows:

That it has been of incalculable benefit in uniting the strength of the clubs in movements for the advancement of the best interests of the home, school and community; that much latent material which would never have been brought to light in a meeting so large as the meeting of the state federation was developed, and interest has been awakened in the smaller clubs because it opens up a possibility of their entertaining the district federation where a state meeting would be out of the question.

The delegates with a few exceptions departed on the afternoon trains for their respective homes. Miss Anna Raymond of Pana will remain in the city until Saturday afternoon.

Evening Session.

The club assembly room was comfortably filled last evening. Mrs. Ida W. Baker presided. The program was opened with a piano solo by Miss Burtie Ditzler.

ADDRESS.

Following came Miss McDowell's address on the "New Philanthropy." She said:

"There is nothing especially new in the new philanthropy. It is simply an application of the old rule to 'Love thy neighbor as thyself.' The new philanthropy is democratic, it is not working for people, but with them. It is not almsgiving but the sharing of what we have in brotherly and sisterly way. The old philanthropy was institutional. Reformatories, hospitals and numerous institutions were established for the care of the poor and unfortunate. Everything was institutionalized. Under the old system we forgot the person in need was a brother or sister and left love entirely out of the matter. We forgot they were individuals and could not be satisfied with bread alone.

"The new philanthropy does not have any fixed theory about the poor. It takes the attitude of the hunter and looks for the cause. It does what is best for the individual. It is sympathetic in the finest sense. It is imaginative—puts itself in another's place and tries to get the point of view of the recipient of charity. The new philanthropy looks upon every pauper as an American citizen and believes he has the same right to the ballot box as the banker. He has the right to work. He ought to work. We do not want to establish institutions to keep them in idleness and brand them as paupers and criminals. We want to help them to want to work and we want to help them to find work. We want to go down to their homes, to live among them, to study them, to understand them, to know them as they are, as individuals, with individual needs, individual aspirations and individual capacity for happiness and appreciation of the higher and better things of life.

"The social chain has long been a matter of disension. It has no right to exist. How are we going to bridge over that social chain? I believe the settlement is at least an approach to the bridge."

Miss McDowell at this point took up the subject of the university settlement work. She told how the idea originated with a student in the University of Oxford in England, who went to the slums of London to live and built up an educational and political center by his efforts. There are now 45 of these settlements in the world. Eleven of them are in Chicago. Hull House was the first one in this country. The Northwestern University of Chicago was the next. The Chicago University Settlement in which Miss McDowell is interested is located back of the stockyards. She has lived there for five years and told many interesting stories of her work among the poor of that vicinity. They have established public baths, public playgrounds, public gymnasiums, boys' and girls' clubs, school societies, etc. In the Woman's club of the settlement there are 125 members, 25 of whom are Bohemians and cannot speak English. Under the direction of a cultivated Bohemian woman they are being taught and are responsive and interesting.

In answer to a question as to how the settlements could be established in a town the size of Decatur Miss McDowell said: "You do not need to move out into another part of the city and establish a settlement. If every family would make a friend of one boy, one girl, or one family you could do more in Decatur than we are doing in Chicago."

The program closed with a song by Miss Emma Palmyer.

SUDDEN SUMMONS

President Faure of France a Corpse at Paris.

A QUICK DEATH

Due to Apoplexy--Taken Ill in His Office.

He was the Sixth Ruler of the French Republic, and was 58 Years of Age—Universal Sorrow—Loubet Proposed to Succeed Faure — Condolence from President.

PARIS, February 17.—M. Felix Faure, president of the republic of France, died at 10 o'clock last night, after an illness of three hours. The president died of apoplexy.</p

U. S. TAKING NO CHANCES

Uncle Sam to Establish Sovereignty in the Philippines.

Admiral Dewey to Begin Active Operations as Soon as the Gunboats Reach Manila—They are on the Way.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—The administration is determined to rapidly extend the jurisdiction of the United States over the whole Philippine group, acting on the theory that delay is dangerous; that anarchy and general paralysis of such interests as the islands support will be brought about through failure to promptly replace the Spanish sovereignty over the islands by that of the United States. This decision involves the necessity of a naval campaign and this will be instituted as soon as Admiral Dewey receives reinforcements in the shape of the gunboats now on their way to Manila.

MOUNTAINS OF ICE.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., February 17.—Above the falls in many places the ice is packed in the river in high piles, and extends many miles from the shore. Much dynamite has been exploded to drive it from the inlets leading to the different power plants. The jam in the gorge at the foot of the falls grows with the days. Some of the hills are nearly 50 feet high. One of them is called a mountain, and is said to be over 100 feet high. Such a large quantity of ice has not been known in the Niagara river for years, and the situation is a decidedly serious one and makes owners of property close to the banks of the river apprehensive for the result when the river begins to free itself. Should mild weather set in and the ice move it would undoubtedly sweep everything before it.

STREET CAR BILL.

Provisions of the Senate Measure Agreed Upon.

SPRINGFIELD, February 17.—In the Senate the street railway bill agreed upon by the committee on municipalities was read a first time and advanced to second reading without opposition.

Under this bill the street railway commission in cities of over 100,000 will consist of the mayor and two others elected for four years by the people, the elective members to receive an annual salary of \$6000. In cities of less than 100,000 inhabitants, the commission will consist of the mayor, the city clerk and the city treasurer, who shall serve without extra compensation.

The time limit for franchises is fixed at 25 years.

Single fares, with transfers good over every intersecting line of the same system, is fixed at 5 cents, with the provision that six single tickets shall be sold for a quarter.

LONDON STOCKS.

LONDON, February 17.—Stocks opened flat followed by violent fluctuations until Paris opened firm, sending buying orders, which caused prices to bound upward.

NEW GAME LAW.

SPRINGFIELD, February 17.—The house committee on fish and game agreed to report favorably the Lyon bill, amending the entire game law of the state. According to this bill the open season for quails is from November 1 to December 30 and for pheasant chickens, the entire month of September. For hunting protected game no special license if one dollar route.

COLDS

Colds are easily taken and often develop into bronchitis or consumption. You should cure a cold promptly with Dr. John W. Ball's Cough Syrup. This celebrated remedy is most efficient, will cure a cold at once.

Dr. Ball's COUGH SYRUP

For Coughs, Colds, &c.

will be charged home arms and \$25 to non-residents. Provision is also made for a state game farm for the propagation of game, the expenses to be paid with the license fees.

KANSAS CITY IN VIEW.

H. H. Clark of the Linseed Oil Company May Establish a Branch Industry.

The Kansas City Times of Thursday, February 16, published a communication from Secretary Winsborough of the Manufacturers' association of Kansas City which says that the association has received a letter from Mr. H. H. Clark of this city asking what Kansas City had to offer to manufacturing concerns which think of locating there. Mr. Clark is the president of the Clark Linseed Oil Manufacturing company of Decatur. He has a plant at Mendota, Ill., and it is presumed that he is thinking of starting a branch industry at Kansas City. He is out of town today and his plans could not be learned.

HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland and Miss Turner Nearly Asphyxiated Last Night. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roland of 560 West Wood street, and Mrs. Roland's sister, Miss Turner of Ft. Scott, Kansas, all had a narrow escape from death last night. Miss Turner was sleeping in the sitting room in which was located a base burner stove and Mr. and Mrs. Roland were sleeping in an adjoining room. The stove was too full of coal and the top was slightly open and allowed the coal gas to escape and all three came near dying from asphyxiation.

Mr. Roland was awakened this morning at 5 o'clock. He attempted to get up but fell over and Mrs. Roland then rose and found her sister on the floor unconscious. She then also swooned. Mr. Roland recovered sufficiently to summon Dr. M. D. Pollock. Mrs. Roland is today quite ill as a result of her experience.

SUIT DISMISSED

As to the Central Union Telephone Company.

CITY IS STILL A DEFENDANT

In the Damage Suit Brought by the Hamilton Boy—Evidence for the Plaintiff is All In.

The damage suit brought by the Hamilton boy against the City Electric Railway Co. and others, will probably not be finished before the first of next week. Today the attorneys for the plaintiff finished their case and the defense began the introduction of testimony.

Attorney Hugh Crea entered instruction for the release of the city but his motion was overruled and Judge Vail held the city of Decatur as a defendant.

Attorney Mills entered instructions that the jury find for the Central Union Telephone Co., and the suit was dismissed as to that defendant. The case now remains with the city, the street car company and the Citizens' Mutual Telephone Co.

The only entry on the dockets today was the following:

COMMON LAW.

John Richard Hamilton, by Anna Halford, his next friend, etc., vs. City Electric Railway Co., et al; trespass on the case. Suit dismissed as to Central Union Telephone Co.

FIRE ALARM TO-DAY

Drew a Big Crowd of People in the Business Part of the City.

The entire fire department was called today shortly after noon to the establishment of Elias Moore, the fish dealer, on East Prairie street. Some papers in a box at the back part of the store caught fire and made a little blaze but it was extinguished before the firemen arrived and their services were not needed. A large crowd of people gathered in the street.

Were Snow Bound.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Graham and daughter and maid of Brooklyn, N. Y., arrived in the city today to visit Mr. Graham's brother, John Graham and family. The party left Brooklyn last Monday, but was snow bound in the east and today arrived from St. Louis having taken an out of the way route.

Massac.

Special Communication of Macon Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M., this (Friday) evening at 7:30 o'clock for work. Members of Ionic Lodge 812 and visiting brethren are invited. J. W. Graves W. M.; G. P. Lewis, Secretary.

Another Show.

Today Travelling Auditors Dodson of the Vandalia, Newell of the Illinois Central and Williams of the P. & D. & R., were in the city on business.

PATRIOTS OF BOSTON

Praise by President McKinley at the Day Oration.

Members of Legislature

Hear Words of Wisdom
--Duty of the Hour as to the People in the Islands.

BOSTON, February 17.—President McKinley was received by the state legislature in joint session today. The floor and galleries were crowded with state dignitaries and prominent people. The appearance of the president and his party was the signal for a great outburst of cheering, which was renewed when he rose to speak. He delivered a brief address, referring in terms of eulogy to the history of Massachusetts and the services of her statesmen. He closed as follows: "In the beginning of our national existence and even before, this was the home and fountain of liberty. It is the home of liberty now, and I am sure what those great men of the past secured for us they would have us transmit not only to our descendants, but carry it to the oppressed peoples, whose interests and welfare by the fortunes of war are committed to us. We may regard the situation before us as a burden or as an opportunity, but whether one or the other, it is here and the conscience of civilization requires us to meet it bravely. The desertion of duty is not an American habit. It was not the custom of our fathers and it will not be the practice of their sons."

WILL OF WILLIAM A. BROOKS

Probated Today in the County Court—Other Wills Admitted Yesterday.

The will of the late William A. Brooks was admitted to Probate today in the county court. The testator left to his wife, Mary Ann Brooks, all of his personal property and real estate during her life and at her death to go to an adopted son, Thomas McBrooks. The will provides that if Thomas McBrooks should die before Mrs. Mary Brooks, the estate at the latter's death should go to the wife of Thomas McBrooks, or if she also died, to the children. Dorval E. Brooks is named as executor.

The will of the late Mrs. Abbie M. Hatch was probated yesterday. The estate is estimated to be worth \$7000 and is to be divided between about a dozen heirs, including brothers, sisters and nieces. D. L. Bunn was named as executor and his bond was fixed at \$14,000.

The will of the late James Shastid was also probated yesterday. The estate consists of 30 acres of land and \$3000 worth of personal property. The beneficiaries are the widow, Mrs. Susannah Shastid and the children, Lydia E., Margaret and George E. Shastid and Elizabeth Bower. Samuel C. McConnell was named as executor.

The smallest things may exert the greatest influence. De Witte Little Eaters are unequalled for overcoming constipation and liver troubles. Small pill, boat pill, safe pill. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

THE FLAG AT SUEZ.

SUEZ, Feb. 17.—The gunboat Princeton for Manila has arrived here.

The Grip Cure That Does Cure. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets removes the cause that produces La Grippe. The genuine has L. B. Q. on each tablet.

Children Dangerously Ill.

The condition of the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller, who is ill of meningitis was improved this morning but he is yet a very sick boy. The congestion of the brain has slightly abated and the physicians are hopeful of more favorable conditions tomorrow.

The four year old son of Dr. and Mrs. Will Barnes, who has been dangerously ill with pneumonia for several days is no better. Dr. Christopher of Chicago, a specialist in children's diseases, was called in consultation last evening.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Sanford of 968 East North street, on Thursday, February 16, a son.

—W. L. Ferguson is home from Chicago, where he has been on business.

—Miss Allie Falcome, who has been the guest of Miss Dora Adleson, will come tomorrow for her home at Blue Moon, and will be accompanied by Miss Adleson.

—Sharif Wells, of Salem, Marion county, was in the city today on business.

Grand Display of

NEW WASH FABRICS...

For 1899.

We now have on sale our COMPLETE LINE of choice Summer Fabrics selected during the past four months from the leading importers in this country.

Our Silk and Dress Goods Department is now offering choice selections for early buyers.

Silk Mousseline de Soie,
Standard Madras Cloths,
Fancy Zephyr Ginghams,
Loop Taffeta Zephyr Ginghams,
Corded Chambrys,

White and Colored Piques,
Silk Mousseline Satin Rage,
Satin Stripe Ginghams,
Fine Egyptian Lawns,
Silk Embroidered Piques in
Striped and Polka Effects.

ART NEEDLEWORK.

Special Display,

Free Instruction.

MISS MOON will make a Special Display of

FINE ART NEEDLEWORK

and give Free Instruction, on

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOONS.

*Bradley Bros.
DRY GROCER & MILLINER
Decatur Ill.*

MILES IS BUSY

Court of Inquiry Will Begin Taking Testimony Next Monday.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—Colonel Davis, recorder of the Miles court of inquiry, today issued a statement to the effect that probably all of tomorrow will be occupied with the examination of reports of regimental and other commanders who participated in the Cuban and Porto Rico campaigns, the object being to select the witnesses to be summoned. The proceedings of the war investigation commission will also be looked to for suggestions of witnesses. The taking of testimony will hardly begin before Monday. General Miles is expected to testify as to his charges and their foundation, and action, and all of the war department officials connected with the beef supply will be investigated.

CONDOLENCE.

WASHINGTON, February 17.—At midnight Secretary Hay telegraphed Ambassador Porter at Paris under the direction of President McKinley, that he convey to the family of President Faure the president's expression of heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement and adding: "The whole world mourns the loss of one of its greatest statesmen and this country has an especial share in the sorrow of her sister republic."

MORTUARY.

AERON, OHIO, February 17.—Hon. Lewis Miller of this city, president of the Clunyana Assembly, died in New York today as the result of an operation.

In its advanced and chronic form a cold in the head is known as Nasal Catarrh and is the recognized source of other diseases. Having stood the test of continued successful use, Ely's Cream Balm is recognized as a specific for membranous diseases in the nasal passages, and you make a great mistake in not resorting to this treatment in your own case. To test it a trial size for 10 cents or the large for 50 cents is mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren Street, New York. Druggists keep it.

—Arthur Jeffers has resigned his position as cashier in the Linn & Scruggs store, and will leave the middle of next week for Denver, Colo., where he expects to take a position in a store.

—Mrs. A. Robertson arrived home today from Denver, Colo.

SHOES.

You Can Get The New Spring Styles

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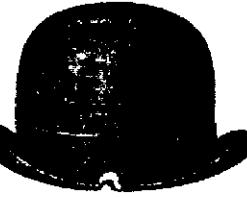
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All the new prevailing shades in Soft and Stiff Hats, spring 1899.

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Our new shapes in Fedora, in Pearl Browns, Nutra Manila Beaver, Otter, Mahogany, Mocha.

ALL THE NEW PREVAILING SHADES.

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The Reliable Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

MASONIC TEMPLE BLOCK.

The ARCADE.

Make Money by Trading Here.

Opening New Spring Goods.

Cleaning Out the Winter Goods.

New Percales, yard 55.

We have just received a shipment of this season's patterns in double-fold Dresden Percales. These goods are in light and dark styles, mostly dark in this shipment, and they are very good for dark waists and children's dresses in rose, blue and fancy effects, at yard, 55c.

New Ducks, yard 10c.

Duck style Ducks, in solids, stripes and dots, roses and blacks, will be especially good for early spring skirts, yard, 10c.

New Piques, yard 12½c.

The first shipment on '92 Piques has arrived and this fashionable fabric comes in light and dark styles, in stripes figures and dots, at yard, 12½c.

Jeweled Side Combs, 25c.

Handsome jeweled Side Combs, a pair, 25c.

Men's Work Gloves, 50c.

This glove is not a cheap, flimsy affair that will last only about a week. It is made with a genuine calf palm, has the patent thumb, in Asbestos tan, steel and fire proof and is the best glove for general purposes that is made. It is worth 50c, here 50c.

Men's Felt Boots, \$1.69.

We have a few cases of men's felt boots and overalls that we are anxious to close out during this cold snap and we make them at cost, now at \$1.69.

Men's Arcticis, \$1.19.

Men's good quality (not the cheap, gummy kind) arctics, will give good service, now marked \$1.19.

Boys' arctics, 90c; Misses' arctics, 75c.

Boys' Felt Boots, \$1.49.

Our stock of boys' felt boots, worth \$1.00 a pair, to close now at \$1.49.

Gups and Saucers, Set 25c.

Ironstone china cups and saucers plain, white, most everybody gets 50c a set, here, set, 25c.

New Ginghams, 10c.

New and dainty styles in drapery, bows, in medium and light drapery, the famous Parkhill goods, yard, 10c.

Gold Corded Zephyrs, 15c.

Corded zephyr ginghams, the newest and prettiest of the spring wash goods, look like 25c goods, for 15c.

Cotton Coverts, yard 12½c.

A new lot of those cotton covert cloths make very serviceable skirts and many are used for boys' dresses, wear and wash well, very serviceable, in medium and dark mixtures, yard, 12½c.

New Plaids, yard 15c.

A small shipment of new double fold plaids, in the very prettiest styles for waists and children's dresses, granite effects and yard, 15c.

Grocery Dep't.

GRANULATED SUGAR.

The best standard make.

18 POUNDS FOR \$1.00.

POTATOES.

Fine, solid, Minnesota Burbanks, worth 10 cents a bushel more than the popular potatoes, per bushel.

ONLY 50 CENTS.

KANASOTA FLOUR.

The best spring wheat flour that is sold in the city, none better at any price.

50 pound sacks, ONLY 41.03

PRUNES.

Big fat raisin cured California, run 40c to 50c to the pound. Per pound

ONLY 10 CENTS.

LEMONS.

Big, smooth, waxy Meringue, as far as is sold anywhere, for thirty cents a dozen; our price per dozen,

ONLY 2½ CENTS.

MOCHA AND JAVA COFFEE.

Warranted as fine as any thirty-five cent coffee sold in the city, our price per pound,

ONLY 25 CENTS.

GOLDEN RIO COFFEE.

This was for years our leading twenty-five cent coffee; now per pound,

ONLY 20 CENTS.

CRACKERS, SODA AND OYSTER.

The same grade as all small grocers get ten cents a pound for, per pound,

ONLY 6 CENTS.

Only one life to live,
Only one stomach to use,
Therefore put only the
best into them both.

You Buy THE BEST Groceries
AT

HEILMAN'S, Lincoln Square

THE WEATHER.

CHICAGO, February 17.—Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; break south to west winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar. Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates. mch22-tf

You pay a little more for the clothes that Denz makes but—

California fruits at Glesener's, 143 East Prairie.

Before having your rooms papered call at W. C. Pluck & Son's and see their line of wall paper, 109 East North street—6 dimes.

The members of Progress Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

If after using a cake of Beach's Northwest Soap you are not satisfied with your bargain you may return the balance and your money will be refunded. What stronger guarantee can you have?

Mrs. Joseph M. Murphy will entertain friends from 2 to 5 Wednesday afternoon, February 22, at her home, 419 South Main street, in honor of Miss Gertrude Alsop of Leroy, Miss Nannette Trax of Bloomington and Miss Margaret Murphy.

Ed. W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

Twenty-five cents worth of Beach's Northwest Soap will do more washing than 25 cents worth of any other soap.

All members of the Tabernacle chorus who wish a chair assigned them will be present immediately after services tonight.

TAX NOTICE.

Please call at office and pay your taxes. Your personal tax must be paid this month.

I. C. Nicholson,
Collector.

First door to the left of entrance of court house.

—14-5

CORN IS MOVING.

There is a good deal of corn moving in some parts of the county. Yesterday several large shipments were made at Dalton City. At one time during the day there were 40 wagons loaded with corn waiting for the grain to be put on the cars.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; coughed in and finally terminated in consumption. Four doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God I am saved and now a well and healthy woman. Trial bottles 10c, at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores

—14-5

"EVIL SPEAKING"

Will be Evangelist Martin's Subject

at the Tabernacle Tonight.

Rev. George F. Hall and his workers had broad smiles last night as they looked out over a sea of faces at the tabernacle and realized that the revival now in progress there is beginning to assume large proportions.

Nearly 1000 people listened to Evangelist Martin last night on "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Of course there is only one legitimate answer to the query, and that answer he gave in his usual stirring, striking manner. The doctor has opened a query box, and last night replied to the first batch of questions. His replies were plain, pointed, practical. The box has been placed near the middle door of the building, and all interested are welcome to drop in their queries at any time.

Tonight Dr. Martin will talk on "Evil Speaking." He has promised a red-hot address, and those who have been listening to him the past week know what that means. Great expectations have been aroused by his announcements regarding his meeting for men only Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Already 3000 tickets have been distributed, and today Rev. Hall ordered 1000 more printed to supply the demand. If this nice weather continues, the pastor says he has no idea the building will hold all who wish to enter Sunday by several hundred.

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Rehearsal of the "Messiah."

The first rehearsal of the Messiah was held at the Columbia Hall last evening. About 125 were present, the number including some of the best vocal talent in the city. At least 200 are wanted for the chorus. Mr. Lutz is highly pleased with the result of the first rehearsal and the general interest that is shown. Rehearsals will be held every Thursday evening in the hall occupied by the Goodman band in the Columbia block.

The wise girl who wants to catch a husband always runs the other way.

Let your light shine. Revolving flashlights are all right on the sea coast, but all wrong in the Christian life. Shine, keep shining!—Carlos Martyn, D. D.

TRY IT.

When some man reaches the top they help to set off the surrounding vacancy.

STAMPS MUST BE USED

On Sparrow Orders and Other Papers Which Formerly Were Not Stamped.

Deputy County Clerk Frank Dodd yesterday received from Internal Revenue Collector Richard Yates, a decision in regard to stamping certain papers which have heretofore not been stamped. The decision was that the sparrow certificates issued by the city and town clerk to those bringing in sparrow heads must bear a 10 cent revenue stamp. All bonds of executors, administrators, conservators and guardians must have 50 cent stamps on them. When the law first went into effect there was discussion about stamping some of these papers. The county clerk was not satisfied and the question was asked Mr. Yates yesterday over the telephone. Some papers have already been issued without stamps and the makers of the bonds will be notified to come and put stamps on them.

AGAINST LIQUOR HABIT.

Members of the Y. P. T. U. Will Be Active Temperance Work.

The members of the Young People's Temperance Union held a meeting last night at the Y. M. C. A. rooms and decided to begin active work against the liquor habit. The intention is to soon hold a big public meeting in one of the churches. The following officers were elected:

President—Charles Record.
Vice President—Walter Bear.
Secretary—Miss Maud Wallace.
Treasurer—Miss Bertha Gray.

The following chairmen of committees were also elected:

Agitation—Sam McCane.
Legislation—J. L. Deck.
Finance—Mrs. J. H. Irvin.
Enforcement of the Laws—Ross Potts.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Harry Gates of Indianapolis is the guest of Miss Mabel Halstead.

W. R. Ross of Emery transacted business in the city today.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Mueller who has been so ill that his life was despaired of, is better today.

Dr. E. A. Morgan was in Iliopolis yesterday to visit his father, who is ill.

Mrs. J. R. Mitchell of Hammond, Ill., was in the city for a short visit with friends.

Mrs. Donahue of Dubuque, Iowa, is the guest of Mrs. J. E. Rathbone.

Robert L. Hunt has returned from a five days' stay at Mendota and Freeport, in the interest of the grain business.

Miss Hallie Hatfield of Champaign is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Jolly.

Mr. and Mrs. Fahs of Cerro Gordo are the guests of Rev. and Mrs. M. P. Spayd. Mr. Fahs was formerly located in Decatur and is thinking of returning and establishing a cigar factory.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cooper and son Frank of Cooper, Ill., are the guests of Mr. Cooper's sister, Mrs. Mary E. Augustine en route to their home from New Orleans, where they attended the Mardi Gras.

BARGAIN SALE ON SOAP.

In order to introduce our soaps in Decatur we have made arrangements with the grocers of the city to give on Saturday and Monday to each purchaser of 25 cents worth of our Northwest Soap a 5-cent cake of Beach's Hand Soap and a very large 5-cent package of Beach's Purifine Soap Powder free.

We do this because we know that if you will give our goods a fair trial you will always use them. However, after using one cake of our Northwest Soap, if you are not entirely satisfied with your bargain, you may return the balance to your grocer and your money will be refunded. After Monday, Feb. 20th, these soaps will be sold at the regular retail prices.

JAMES BEACH & SONS.

THE SURE LA GRIPPE CURE.

There is no use suffering from this dreadful malady, if you will only get the right remedy. You are having pain all through your body, your liver is out of order, have no appetite, no

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1899.

YOUNG SENATOR'S ADDRESS.

Senator-elect Beveridge of Indiana delivered an address in Philadelphia a few days ago on a topic selected by himself: "For the Greater Republic; Not for Imperialism." It was an address that will appeal to the younger and more progressive element of our people who will concur with Mr. Beveridge, who is himself a young man, in the sentiment that the Republic never retreats. The address puts to shame the partisans and old fossils like Hoar and Hale, who are bewailing the future of the country in face of the great fact that they shall soon step from the sphere of activity when younger men shall take up the burdens of government and legislation. Men like Beveridge are not afraid to assume these responsibilities, which Hoar and Hale in their old age want to avoid and which they are afraid to entrust to those younger men just as if the country should be forced in because Hale and Hoar must soon die. Mr. Beveridge clearly points out the destiny of this republic and the reasons for retaining all the territory which comes under the American flag. Every young man should read his speech. Mr. Beveridge is a great orator and a happy thinker.

THE CAREER OF CARL SCHURZ.

The New York Sun: It is proposed to give a dinner to Mr. Carl Schurz, in celebration of his 70th birthday, on the second day of next month. This is an entirely proper expression of personal friendship for a gentleman who has many amiable qualities; but the circular of the committee of arrangements for the dinner goes further and asks participation in the tribute to Mr. Schurz as a "formal recognition" of both "his personal qualities and the great public services he has rendered for many years to the land of his adoption." Consequently it excludes from sympathy with the demonstration every American capable of distinguishing between valuable services rendered to this country by a naturalized citizen and whimsical opposition to its genius due to an ineradicable perversity brought from abroad.

Throughout the civil war Mr. Schurz was one of the most pestilent cavaliers at Lincoln and his policy, and most viciously at the time when Lincoln was most harassed by short-sighted fruit-finding and petty captiousness of the sort. He did not perform his duties exactly in Mr. Schurz's way, and that was enough to provoke the wrath of that philosopher. Lincoln's answer to him, dated November 24, 1863, is famous but it can not be too often repeated:

I have just received and read your letter of the 20th. The purport of it is that we lost the late elections and the administration in failing because the war is unsuccessful, and that I must not flatter myself that I am not justly to blame for it.

I certainly know that if the war fails the administration fails, and that I will be blamed for it, whether I deserve it or not. And I ought to be blamed if I could do better. You think I could do better; therefore you blame me already. I think I could not do better; therefore I blame you for blaming me.

I understand you now to be willing to accept the help of men who are not Republicans, provided they have "heart in it." Agreed. I want no others. But who is to be the judge of hearts or "heart in it"? If I must discard my own judgment and take yours, I must also take that of others; and by the time I should reject all I should be advised to reject. I should have none left, Republicans or others—not even you.

For, be assured, my dear sir, there are men who have "heart in it" that think you are performing your part as poorly as you think I am performing mine.

Now, that letter shows very strikingly the difference between the two men—the difference between a sensible and sagacious American and an unpractical and impracticable and visionary political philosopher. It furnishes a key to the whole character of Mr. Schurz as demonstrated since in his repeated changes of party uniform at the bidding of transitory fancy and under the direction of an unstable judgment. His political course has been erratic, has never been logical and trustworthy, so that in no party among neither citizens of German birth nor native, has he obtained the confidence requisite to gain respect and influence. Nobody knows whether he will lead or where he will fetch up. Because one day he is right and consistent affords no assurance that the next day he will not be taking a perverse and a contrary and utterly illogical course.

Thus, Mr. Schurz has been a rolling stone in politics which has gathered no moss. As Lincoln said, he is always something to find "heart in it," but who is to be the judge of hearts, or "heart in it"? His whole career in politics, in journalism, in business, has been without the guidance of a man whose sound confidence is often a necessity for himself.

As Mr. Carl Schurz is,

his life has been a series of failures, in spite of opportunities for successful progress which have fallen in the way of few men in public life. He has been a petted child of politics, but he has lost every advantage because of the perverse incompatibility which prevents his pulling in unison with those who are engaged in making any forward political movement. He is an oarsman who is always catching crab. He is a balky horse. Instead of going ahead, he is sure sooner or later to kick out of the traces and against the wagon to which he is hitched.

It is proper and becoming for the personal friends of Mr. Carl Schurz to give him a dinner on his 70th birthday, but to call it also fitting as a "formal recognition of the great public services he has rendered for many years to the land of his adoption" is to abuse the truth. Instead of his public career in his adopted country having been serviceable to his adopted countryman, it has furnished, in its failure, inconsistency and mischievous influences a warning to all men who aspire to render really "great services" to their country.

The copperhead senators having failed to humiliate their country by defeating the peace treaty are now trying to embarrass the government by defeating the appropriation of \$30,000,000 to be paid to Spain as provided by the treaty. They will do anything to humiliate their country and hence the appellation is applicable. If they were to go to Manila and join the rebels in their war against our troops the country would have more respect for them.

Those thoughtless partisans of General Miles in Massachusetts who tried to insult the secretary of war as the presidential party was passing on the streets of Boston have perhaps forgotten that the soldiers of the army of the Potomac wept when McClellan was removed, but they learned wisdom afterward and so will the Bostonites learn better about the porcelain bathtub general.

One of triplets named after William Jennings Bryan has been accidentally killed by eating a newspaper. It was probably a Popocrat, free silver, anti-expansion paper.

Not one inch should be yielded to the little Americans. It would be a thousand times better and less expensive to have a special session.

Delaware could make good use of the whipping post by putting Addicks and a few such politicians to the lash.

The people will settle the future of the Philippines a fact the pulbacks in the Senate do not seem to appreciate.

REFINED TORTURE**It is on the Decrease in Decatur Now****A Citizen Explains Why.**

Year in and year out many of our citizens have struggled along bearing unnecessary burdens of the back, seeking relief from sources where it could not be found, suffering the refined torture that goes with a refined back. The little conqueror has brought about a wondrous change, and from all parts come the same report. Hundreds of grateful citizens hasten to endorse the good work and so speak publicly of their own personal benefit, read what

Mr. C. W. Carter of 1440 East Conduit street, says: "Nine years ago I had a paralytic stroke which affected my limbs so that I couldn't walk and it also left my kidneys in a weak condition. I had a second shock which still further weakened my kidneys, and since then I have had no control whatever over them as the secretions were much too frequent in action and contained a brick dust sediment. Now, I don't mean to convey the impression that Doan's Kidney Pills restored the use of my limbs and cured my paralysis, but I must say this in favor of them, they have strengthened my back and kidneys in every way and the secretions are normal in color and regular in action. I used two boxes and they gave me a great deal of benefit. You may publish my statement so that others who may be in need of a good kidney remedy may learn to appreciate the value of Doan's Kidney Pills."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

Don't get scared when your heart troubles you. Most likely you suffer from Indigestion. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It will cure every form of Dyspepsia. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

The average monthly wage of male teachers in 1898 was \$60.87, and of female teachers \$51.84.

Mr. S. A. Fackler, editor of the *Minion* (Fla.) Hustler, with his wife and children suffered terribly from La Gripe. One Minute Cough Cure was the only remedy that helped them. It acted quickly. Thousands of others trust this remedy as specific for La Gripe, and its exhausting after effects. Never fail. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Street railway companies in Philadelphia pay the pity yearly about \$70,000 for car licenses.

Blood does more harm than good when not digested. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat. It prevents wasting disease and cures stomach trouble. It cures indigestion, sour stomach and belching, and allows a comfortable rest. It acts quickly. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

FIGURES DON'T LIE.

It doesn't take much knowledge of mathematics to figure out the facts about that dread disease—consumption. Statisticians long ago demonstrated that one-seventh of all the deaths in Christendom each year may be safely attributed to consumption and allied diseases.

There is an almost certain cure and a positive preventive for this fatal disease if taken in time. The story of what it will do is told in the following letter:

"About two and a half years ago, when I was at Blue Lick, Ky., writes J. W. Jordan, Esq., of Corbin, White County, Tenn.: 'I had severe pains in the chest, after which I began to spit up blood and was also troubled with night-sweats. I was so short winded that I could hardly walk half a mile at once, and if I got the least bit wearied, I would have an attack of phthisic asthma, and almost die for about two hours. I consulted Dr. W. H. Pierce, and related my case to him. He wrote me that I should take his 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I began using it and used about six bottles. I began to see that it was helping me so considerably to continue its use. I did so and have improved both in strength and in weight. I don't have the phthisic nor spit up any blood since last spring."

This great remedy—Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery—costs 98 per cent. of all laryngeal, bronchial, throat and kindred affections which, if neglected lead up to consumption. It strengthens the appetite and makes the appetite keen and hearty. It integrates the liver and aids the natural process of secretion and excretion. It makes the assimilation of the food perfect. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. Honest dealers will not urge you to take a substitute but just as good."

Sent for Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Adviser. Price 25c. Enclosed one cent stamp to cover mailing only, to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., for a paper-covered book.

Cloth binding ten cents extra. It is a thousand page book with over seven hundred illustrations, formerly sold for \$5.00. For limited time can be had for cost of mailing.

Stuffing a turkey is culinary terminology.

AN HONEST MEDICINE FOR LA GRIPPE.

George W. Waitt, of South Gardiner, Me., says: "I have had the worst cough, cold, chills and grip and have taken lots of trash on account but profit to the vendor. Chamberlain's Cough Kennedy is the only thing that has done any good whatever. I have used one 50 cent bottle and the chills, cold and grip have all left me. I congratulate the manufacturers of an honest medicine."

For sale by H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

God will not alter the course of justice to give you rest before you have labored, nor the crown of glory till you have overcome.—Baxter's Saints' Rest.

B. Prosser, Praysonville, Kan., writes Jan. 25th, 1899: "Nothing like Foley's Honey and Tar" is the universal verdict of all who have used it. Especially has this been true of coughs accompanying and succeeding la grippe. Not a single bottle failed to give almost immediate relief. Everybody recommends it. Ship order at once, only have one bottle left. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

Time is money; that's why the man who owes you a little bill promises to pay it in time.

RECOMMENDED FOR LA GRIPPE.

N. Jackson, Danville, Ill., writes: My daughter had a severe attack of la grippe seven years ago and since then whenever she takes cold, a terrible cough settles on her lungs. We tried a great many remedies without giving relief. She tried Foley's Honey and Tar which cured her. She has never been troubled with a cough since. 25c. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

It is estimated that since the Christian era began over 4,000,000 beings have perished in war.

LINGERING LA GRIPPE COUGH CURE.

Mr. G. Vacher, 157 Osgood St., Chicago, says: "Nine years ago I had a paralytic stroke which affected my limbs so that I couldn't walk and it also left my kidneys in a weak condition. I had a second shock which still further weakened my kidneys, and since then I have had no control whatever over them as the secretions were much too frequent in action and contained a brick dust sediment. Now, I don't mean to convey the impression that Doan's Kidney Pills restored the use of my limbs and cured my paralysis, but I must say this in favor of them, they have strengthened my back and kidneys in every way and the secretions are normal in color and regular in action. I used two boxes and they gave me a great deal of benefit. You may publish my statement so that others who may be in need of a good kidney remedy may learn to appreciate the value of Doan's Kidney Pills."

Look not mournfully into the past; it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present; it is thine. —Longfellow.

FROST BITES AND CHILBLAINS.

Quickly cured by Banner Salve, the most healing remedy in the world. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, W. H. Hubbard.

When some men reach the top they help to set off the surrounding vacancy.

La Grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Shepard, publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Eldon, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for La Grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Let your light shine. Revolving highlights are all right on the sea-coast, but all wrong in the Christian life. Shine, keep shining! —Carlos Martyn, D. D.

Paul Perry, of Columbus, Ga., suffered agony for thirty years, and then cured his piles by using Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It heals injuries and skin diseases like magic. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

A man is always anxious to help another if he sees a chance to help himself.

WHAT A PROMINENT KENTUCKIAN SAYS.

W. L. Yancey, Paducah, writes: I had a severe case of kidney disease and three of the best physicians of southern Kentucky treated me without success. I was induced to try Doan's Kidney Cure. The first bottle gave immediate relief and three bottles cured me permanently. I gladly recommend this wonderful remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

Bitter disease is caused by Pitts' Burn and Skin Disease. These are immediately relieved and quickly cured by Dr. Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Beware of worthless imitations. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone, C. F. Shilling, East End Drug Store.

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SOME EXTRAORDINARY BARGAINS FOR SATURDAY.**Read These Prices on NEW, BEAUTIFUL GOODS.****FOR \$1.25.**

2 dozen handsome black brocaded new ready made dress skirts, lined with porcaine and stiffened with canvas, every seam finished and bound at the bottom with velveteen, good value at \$2. Saturday price.....\$1.25

FOR \$1.75.

3 dozen handsome figured brilliantine dress skirts, floral geometrical and scroll designs, lined with porcaine, stiffened with canvas, every seam finished and bound with velvetine, and instead of \$2.50 they go for.....\$1.75

FOR \$2.98.

4 dozen beautiful new black and colored dress skirts in plains, figures and brilliant plaids, bought to sell at \$4 and \$4.50. Saturday our price.....\$2.98

\$3.00 lovely Crepon dress skirts for \$3.98

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Misses' very nice 15c fast black Topy Hose, Saturday, a pair.....\$1.75

Men's 5c Half Hose, Saturday, a pair.....\$1.75

Men's heavy mixed 12½c Half Hose, a pair.....\$1.75

Men's heavy wool, 15c good warm Half Hose, Saturday, a pair.....\$1.75

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COUNTY NEWS.

B. F. Ross will have a sale on Monday, February 20.

BETHANY.

Dr. Vadasik and lady returned from Chicago, where the doctor has been taking a postgraduate course of 30 days.

Mr. Miller of Mattoon, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., lectured to the young men at the opera house Sunday evening. There was a good attendance and a good meeting.

Frank McGinnis of the P. D. and E. office of this place has returned from a visit with relatives in the east.

Gran has been coming in very fast the past week in spite of the extreme cold weather.

The L. O. O. F. band is preparing to give another concert soon.

Dr. E. A. Pyatt's dwelling caught fire last Tuesday and came near being destroyed, but for the timely arrival of the fire department. The damage was about \$500.

Perry Hale has accepted a position with a Cincinnati cigar house and will have the grip for a while.

Dick McGuire, the tenor artist, has his corn knife ground up and will be glad to have his friends call on him. Dick is all O. K. and he understands his business.

The old store building formerly occupied by Armstrong Bros. has been moved out of the street and makes quite an improvement in the appearance of things on the corner.

Robert Noble has returned from a visit with friends at Champaign.

Austin Wheeler has returned from Chicago, where he has been for some time. He purchased a fine lot of goods while there. Austin is a business hustler.

NIANTIC.

Died, Tuesday morning, of pneumonia, Earl Eaton, son of Mrs. M. Eaton. His father, Monroe Eaton, was killed by lightning two years ago. He leaves besides his twin brother, two brothers and four sisters. The funeral services will be conducted from the Congregational church in Illinois at 11 o'clock, Thursday, February 16. Rev. Arnold conducted the services.

Mrs. A. L. Stout, who has been very low with typhoid fever, is slightly improved.

Miss Clara Eaton was called home from Decatur Sunday by her brother's illness.

George Forbes, whose son died here last week, has gone to Monequa. His wife and children have gone to Urbana to visit friends.

Judy Timmons has rented Mrs. H. N. Clark's farm.

Mrs. G. Marshall will spend next week with Argenta friends.

Elder Eanitor will preach his last sermon next Sunday. He does not know yet where he will locate. His successor has not yet been chosen.

CASNER.

We have nothing to say about the weather this time.

Rev. Athey began a series of meetings Monday night here.

Louis Bushart has begun work on a new barn on his property in this place, which he recently purchased.

There was a party given by the young people at the home of John Casner Saturday evening.

Misses Keating of Decatur attended the Nolan-Bresnan wedding here Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McGregor entertained a number of their friends last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Blankenship of Springfield is visiting Harrington friends.

Elias Buckle of Lake Fork visited at T. J. Scroggins' last week.

Smith, Miss Mariah Scott, Miss Grace Fry and Mrs. J. W. Pierce and Charles Saunders and family.

The farmers talk of the ground working good in the spring after it has been frozen so hard. There will be a good acreage of oats and corn.

The combination sale at W. S. Smith's barn the 22d of this month promises to be a big sale. If we are to judge from the mouth of the auctioneer as represented on the sale bill there will be lots of wind as well as sale. The property is in good shape as far as our observation extends.

Everybody cordially invited.

Another wedding for Mt. Zion. Last Tuesday Mrs. Twist of Mt. Zion and Mr. Walker of Sangamon were married in Decatur by Rev. Flown.

The boundaries of the village of Mt. Zion will be made smaller. There are about 700 acres in the corporation at present. The petition is to cut out about 230 acres. There is considerable grumbling but then some people would grumble if they were to be hung.

The funeral of Mrs. J. A. Henry, which occurred Tuesday, was largely attended.

J. E. Hendre of Decatur attended the funeral of Mrs. Henry Tuesday.

J. C. Boyce is suffering with a sore throat.

J. E. Farrell of Hervey City was in Mt. Zion Tuesday of this week.

G. S. Smith will move to Mt. Zion next week and will live in Mrs. Jones' house. Mr. Smith will garden extensively.

HARRISTOWN.

Mrs. A. H. Byman returned last Tuesday from Colfax, Ill., where she spent a week visiting her parents.

Last week during the cold weather the Harristown people were on the verge of a coal famine.

Milton Denton returned from Kentucky last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, returned missionaries from India, spoke at the Christian church one night last week. Their talks were very interesting.

Mr. Pearce, state Sunday school worker, will hold an institute at Harristown next Wednesday.

Colonel Knight spent last Sunday in Harristown.

Prof. Parish spent last Sunday in Decatur.

One week ago last Wednesday evening T. J. Scroggins and son and wife gave a very pleasant social to a number of their friends. Mr. Scroggins has just put an Eagle acetylene gas generator in his house, which beautifies it very much when lit up.

Ed Kretzer will move to Decatur next month, and Mr. Clough will occupy the Kretzer place, which he has bought.

Dr. Connally sold to Daniel Stoecky 40 acres of land just north of Harristown. Consideration \$328.

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Mrs. Katie Duggan attended a social in Decatur Tuesday.

Quite a number from here attended the sale of Edward Nolan's, east of town, Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, January 29, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Hogan, February 6, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burkhead, February 7, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ekkiss, February 13, a son.

Jerry McCaughey had the misfortune to have his feet badly frozen on last Wednesday.

A festival and cake walk was given in McCarty's hall last Saturday for the benefit of the C. P. church, and was well attended.

The wedding of Daniel Bresnan and Miss Maggie Nolan was solemnized at the Sacred Heart church on last Wednesday by Rev. O'Rourke. It was the grandest affair of the season, over 100 attending the wedding at the bride's home, two miles east of the city. The march was played by Miss Agnes Duggan and the choir rendered several selections.

Thomas Brown was very badly hurt on last Saturday by being thrown out of his sleigh. His team became frightened and turned the rig sideways. Fortunately he was not badly hurt, but remained unconscious for quite a while.

Look not mournfully into the past; it comes not back again. Wisely improve the present; it is thine.—Long fellow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Roudabush of Decatur visited here last week.

LAKE CITY.

P. K. Myers and daughter Stella are visiting in Springfield this week.

Meeting at the M. E. church is still going on.

Mrs. Hard returned to her home Wednesday evening, having an attack of the grip.

John Lindsey is moving in the house recently vacated by J. F. Dickson, in the southern part of town.

Day Redfern was a Lovington visitor Monday.

Mrs. S. S. Lovejoy and daughter Lola spent Sunday in Lovington.

Mrs. Mike Hogan is on the sick list.

Central examination will be held here February 23.

Mrs. Will Winnings is visiting relatives at Terre Haute.

Mrs. F. D. Beadles is attending meeting here this week.

WARRENSBURG.

Irene Tugge, the corn-raising foreman of the "ranch," has moved into the nicely remodeled house of Mr. Off, near the cauing factory.

Joe Davis was engineer at the factory last year but he has thrown up his job. He and his wife were apparently industrious and very orderly people, but he has concluded to make his home at his father's in Austin township, while the wife and the three little children reside in Warrensburg.

Almost a coal famine here. But there is a good supply of the wood-work of corn—"corn spikes" or "corn pins"—I think I have heard them called cobs. This is a dear, delicate fuel and though it requires a frequent replenishing it is a small matter to those of us whose time this cold weather is not worth any more than that of an incubating hen.

Last Sunday was so cold that the spiritual heat in the churches was not sufficient to draw many away from the material heat of the fireplaces.

The Central examination was held by Superintendent Keller last Monday and 31 came in and took the examination.

Mr. Pickrell, the impersonator, gave his entertainment in the Congregational church Monday night for the benefit of a school library fund. It was very good but it would have been enjoyed better if a body of small school boys in the house had been properly restrained. Their voices noise at times, made it almost unbearable.

I am glad that your paper stands up wisely for all the necessary acts of the administration at Washington.

MT. ZION.

The visitors to Decatur Saturday were A. Pierce, T. J. Draper, J. A. Cox, General Coffey and Miss Mamie

DRINK GRAIN-O

After you have concluded that you ought not to drink coffee. It is not a medicinal, invigorating drink, because it is tasteless and appetizing. It is made from poor grade and has that rich and brown color and taste like the finest grades of coffee and espresso. It is a genuine food drink containing nothing but nourishment. Ask your grocer for Grain-O, the food drink. It is 25c.

Practical Side of the French.

We may say what we like about the French being led away by sentiment, but in some respects they are a severely practical people. The Gallic housewives will make a pound of shin beef go farther than any other woman in Europe.

Their capacity, indeed, for making the best of unlikely materials is beyond rival. Take, for instance, the Eiffel tower, which is somewhat of a white elephant when there are no exhibitions going on. But French wit has been equal to finding a use even for that, and a very ingenious use, too. The police authorities have stationed watchmen upon its summit to take note of the establishments which fail to consume their own smoke. The idea is excellent, and we commend the notion to the county council and the city corporation.

A couple of watchmen on top of the monument, armed with powerful glasses, ought to strike terror to the hearts of those who rack not of Welsh coal and care naught for smoke-consuming appliances.—St. James Gazette.

OUR FEBRUARY SALE

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...House Furnishing Goods...

Is Proving Wonderfully Popular with the Housekeepers.

Here are some New Goods which arrived too late for Monday's selling, and go on sale for the first time at the Lowest Prices ever recorded.

	Japanned Bread Box.....
	Japanned Sugar Boxes.....
	Galvanized Foot Tubs, - 25c
	Foot Tubs, - 25c
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Japanned Chamber Pails...

Blue, Brown and Green.

Sells at all times, for 25c, except this

time, and now.....19c

Heavy Galvanized Chamber Pails, a

very great bargain, at.....25c

1 Pint Covered Buckets.....3c

1 Quart " " ..5c

2 Quarts " " ..7c

3 Quarts " " ..8c

4 Quarts " " ..10c

6 Quarts " " ..15c

1 Quart Coffee Pots.....5c

2 Quarts " " ..7c

4 Quarts " " ..10c

5 Quarts " " ..15c

10 Quart Galvanized Pails, 10c

12 Quart Heavy Dairy " 19c

15c Tin Tea Kettles.....10c

Extra large Solid Nickel

Tea Kettle50c

In the face of an advancing market it is with pleasure we offer such bargains as these.

	Woodenware Bargains.
Full size Zinc Washboards	10c
We guarantee these the equal of	per box
any board on the market at 15c.	5c
Full Size Bread Boards	.25c
Vegetable Cutters	.10c
25 Coffee Mills for	.10c
Shelf and Towel Roller	.10c
40 foot Cotton Clothes Lines	.10c
5-inch Bell Feather Dusters	.10c
Cotton Mop Heads, (heavy)	.06
Lunch Baskets	



'JICKY'
The Celebrated French Perfume.....
75c Ounce.
WEST'S DRUG STORE ...

LOCAL NEWS.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar made by Jacob Keck.

Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22nd.

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-df

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

For to beautify your homes see our line of tapestry, burlaps and heavy pressed papers. W. C. Pluck & Son, 109 East North street.—6-dime

Miss Moon will make a display of the art needlework and give free instructions at Bradley Bros.' Friday and Saturday afternoons.—17-26

Ed W. Hill & Co.'s Combination Sale, March 6.

Fine candies at Gleasner's, 143 East Prairie.

The Chickering and Packard pianos can be had only at the C. B. Prescott music house. Now is the time to get inside figures. Call at once.

Beach's Northwest Soap costs no more than any other first-class laundry soap, but on next Saturday and Monday each purchaser of 25 cents worth will receive a 5-cent cake of Beach's Hand Soap and a 5-cent package of Beach's Purifice Soap Powder free.

When a choir singer's salary is raised it enables him to lift up his voice in songs of praise.

The Bargain sale Saturday and Monday on Beach's Northwest Soap is the manufacturers' method of introducing their soaps. Did they not know their soaps had superior merits, which would be readily recognized, they would not spend their money in this manner.

Why send your money out of town when we take your subscriptions at publishers' prices.

L. CHODAR'S News House.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in Chicago.

Hisgen Bros., the popular South Side druggists, corner 69th street and Wentworth avenue, say: "We sell a great deal of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and find that it gives the most satisfactory results, especially among children for severe colds and croup." For sale by H. W. Bell, N. L. Krons, W. H. Hubbard.

Buckley's Arrow Salve.
The Best Salve in the world for Out Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shillings.

Call Up P. Perl & Son

For fancy rubber tired carriages. They are supplied with the Lehman Heater, and are just the thing for funerals and parties. Call 169 Old or New Phone. 11-d6

Library Association.

The annual meeting of the Illinois State Library association will be held at Champaign, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21 and 22. Mrs. Alice G. Evans and Miss Dill of the Decatur library, will be in attendance on Tuesday and the following Wednesday being a holiday the rest of the staff will attend. The invitation to attend which came to the Decatur people was received through the courtesy of Miss Sharp, who lectured at the High school in this city last month.

CASTORIA.
Bear the Signature of *Char. Fletcher*.

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One of the Greatest Living Evangelists.



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A man of wonderful platform power, a scholar, thinker, orator, gentleman, Christian!

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"EVIL SPEAKING."

Music in charge of Prof. Leo B. Millikan, Meeting for Men Only next Sunday at 3 p. m. 1,000 more tickets at Tabernacle. 3,000 already distributed.

Services begin at 7:30 O'CLOCK SHARP. TONIGHT, EVERYBODY WELCOME! COME ON TIME. Bring an offering.

We need your money, and are willing to give you bargains to get it.

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ATHLETES AT THE GRAND

Tug of War Victory, Acrobatic Club Swinging and Four Lively Bouts.

THE REAL THING.

The nearest to the real thing was the match between Simon Cripe of La Place and William Hyland of Toledo, Ohio. Both men put up a hard fight and at one time during the match the police interfered. Hyland was probably a little more clever with his men than the other man, but Cripe was dead game. A few seconds before time was called on the last round he could have knocked Hyland out if he had delivered another blow. When the first round started it was evident that the men were well matched. Cripe was a little heavier, but Hyland was probably a trifle quicker. Both held their ground until the third round when Hyland landed on Cripe's nose. The blood flowed freely and as Hyland struck Cripe several times afterward in rapid succession the blood spread all over the latter's face. Blows then came pretty hard and Officer Donahue stepped in the ring and separated the men. When they started at it again Cripe's face resembled a Hamburg steak. He was really not hurt but his nose had bled freely and he presented a rather bad appearance. Some good blows were struck by both men but during the latter part of the fight Hyland struck Cripe's mouth with his elbow. His fist went past the face of his opponent and he brought his arm back so that his elbow struck Cripe in the mouth and cut a small gash. At the end of the sixth round Cripe, if he had a moment longer, would probably have knocked Hyland out. He delivered two or three severe blows and when time was called Hyland was unsteady on his feet and another blow would have put him to sleep. It would be hard to decide who had the best of the fight and about the only decision that could be given was that which the referee made, "a fair draw."

TUG OF WAR.

The show opened with a tug of war between the Turners and the High school team. The latter were easy winners and showed that they had been well trained. The Turners were unfortunate in view of the fact that some of their men were unable to be present and it was necessary to substitute other men who had not had sufficient practice with the rest of the team. The names of those on the two teams and their weights were as follows:

Turners—H. Weckerman, 152 pounds; R. Coble, 158; E. Myers, 160; J. Ward, 145; T. Metz, 180; J. Metz, 130. High School—M. Watkins, 190 pounds; G. Conley, 175; C. Shultz, 205; M. Williams, 165; W. Smock, 163; F. Lindsay, 152.

The average weight of the High school boys was nearly 80 pounds more than that of the Turners. On the first pull the Turners lost their footing and the High school team could not be budged an inch after they had gained a couple of feet. The second pull was a little more steady, but the superior strength of the High school tuggers showed and they brought the Turners off their feet, amid great cheers from the audience.

ACROBATIC CLUB SWINGING.

Prof. Allen D. Chamberlain, who is a printer and resident of this city, but has had a good deal of experience in his specialty line, gave a splendid exhibition of fancy club swinging and tumbling. He did some pretty work with the Indian clubs and performed several difficult acrobatic feats which brought forth enthusiastic applause from the audience.

SHORT VS. STICKLE.

The boxing was the next thing on the program. Fred Wismer, who acted as announcer, introduced R. W. Meach of Assumption as referee and Ed Shultz as timekeeper. A ring was put up on the stage and the first bout was between George Short and Roy Stickle. Both are young men who are well known in the city. Short seemed to have a good many friends in the audience as he was cheered when he appeared on the stage. Each man took his corner and it was announced that they would fight six rounds for a decision. Stickle is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs 126 pounds and Short is 5 feet 9 inches tall and is a little heavier, weighing 138 pounds.

When everything was ready Short made a lunge at Stickle and the latter landed on Short. Stickle did some pretty work dodging Short's blows. Both managed to land on each other's neck and face a good deal before time was called on the first round. Short is a new man at boxing and it was his first appearance in the ring. Stickle was a little quicker and had more science, but Short made a good showing and by no means got the worst of the bout.

In the second round Short drew blood from Stickle's nose. Several good licks were exchanged and then Stickle landed three or four good blows. Both men were tired when time was called.

In the third round Short landed a splendid blow under Stickle's chin and he went over like he was shot. It looked like Stickle was entirely knocked out but he took his time and got on his feet before he was counted out. The crowd yelled to Short to hit Stickle again but he acted wisely and didn't do it. When Stickle started to get on his feet he had an expression of pain on his face, but he showed nerve and staggered around the ring.

A blow from Short would have knocked him senseless but it was not delivered and would not have been permitted. In the next three rounds there was good work done by both of the boys. They both landed heavy blows but managed to keep their feet and Stickle showed a good deal of endurance in putting up the fight he did after receiving what was nearly a knockout blow. It was decided that the honors were even and it was announced that the match was a draw.

The crowd hissed and yelled for Short. It was voted the best scientific bout of the evening.

Decatur Circuit.

The second quarterly meeting of Decatur circuit will be held at Long Creek next Saturday and Sunday. The quarterly conference will be held at the First M. E. church on Saturday at 1:30 p. m. Preaching at Long Creek on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Sacramental services will follow the sermon Sunday morning. Preaching at Mt. Zion at 3 o'clock p. m. Sunday.

Tax Notice.

Please call at office and pay your taxes. Your personal tax must be paid this month. I. C. Nicholson.

Collector.

First door to the left of entrance court house.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bear of North Main street on Thursday, February 16, a son.

The majority may rule if the minority isn't made up of women.

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Hanan & Son's Ladies' Hand Welt and Hand Turned Block Vici Kid Lace Shoes, were \$5.00, now \$4.00.

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